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TO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR
AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA
AMEMBASSY MANAGUA
AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE
AMCONSUL BELIZE
AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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GUATEMALA ALSO FOR ROCAP

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: SUBREGIONAL POLITICAL OFFICERS MEETING

REF: MANAGUA 2520 (NOTAL)

1. UNFORTUNATELY, ARA/CEN DIRECTOR CANNOT RPT CANNOT ATTEND CONFERENCE EARLY JULY DUE WORKLOAD AND STAFFING PROBLEMS. WHILE DEPT. SYMPATHETIC TO DESIRE GAIN INPUT FROM DEPARTING POLOFFS, DEPT. ALSO CONSIDERS LAST HALF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEPTEMBER WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TIME FOR CONFERENCE SINCE NEW POLOFFS WILL BY THEN BE ABLE TO MAKE USEFUL INPUT, NEW AMBASSADORS WILL PRESUMABLY BE ON BOARD IN THOSE POSTS RECEIVING THEM, AND EFFECTIVE GUIDANCE ON PRESENTLY UNRESOLVED POLICY ISSUES MORE LIKELY TO BE FORTHCOMING.

- 2. IF LATE SEPTEMBER DATE ACCEPTABLE TO POSTS, DEPARTMENT APPROVES PARTICIPATION ONE POLOFF (PRESUMABLY CHIEF OF SECTION) FROM EACH CA POST AND POLAD FROM ROCAP UNDER SAME CONDITIONS AS PLANNED FOR JULY CONFERENCE, I.E. THAT EXPENSES BE FUNDED BY SENDING POSTS. IF POSTS AGREE TO SUCH CONFERENCE, ARA/CEN DIRECTOR AND POSSIBLY ONE OR MORE NEW DESK OFFICERS WILL PLAN TO ATTEND.
- 3. AGENDA PROPOSED BY MANAGUA WAS A. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND PRACTICE, B. CHANGE IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE RELATIONSHIP, C. DIVERSIFICATION OF EXTRA-REGIONAL TIES, D. FUTURE OF DEMOCRATIC PLURALISM, E. INSURGENCY AND TERRORISM, F. CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS, G. REGIONAL PROBLEMS (E.G., BELIZE, EL SALVADOR-HONDURAS BORDER DISPUTE), H. REGIONAL U.S. POLICY PLANNING.
- 4. REQUEST MANAGUA INDICATE WHETHER IT WILLING HOST CONFERENCE LAST HALF SEPTEMBER AND PROPOSE SPECIFIC DATES. REQUEST OTHER CA POSTS THEN INDICATE WHETHER THEY INTEND PARTICIPATE AND SUBSEQUENTLY BY LETTER MAKE ANY COMMENT OR SUGGESTIONS ON AGENDA.
- 5. PANAMA AND BELIZE INCLUDED FOR INFO ONLY, THOUGH THEIR RESPONSE IS INVITED IF THEY INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING. CHRISTOPHER

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